

Cover Shot by June Photographer Susan Mears



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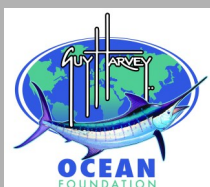
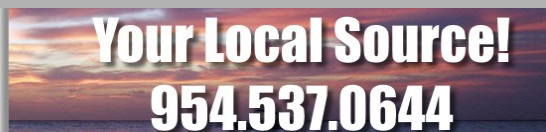
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June President's Message

June marks the mid-way point in 2014 for SFUPS. I think back to the start of the year as we introduced a number of advances moving the organization in greater strides.

- New Business Cards
- First Ever Membership
- Updated Brochure/
- Professional SFUPS Sign
- SFUPS has a QR Code
- Robust Newsletter

These are but a few of the things your Board members have been working on this year. However, we are not about to call it a year and rest on our laurels. We are proud to announce that our SFUPS.com site will get an overhaul with many new features and a wish list of new capabilities you have been asking for. The Board plans to showcase the new site at our June meeting where members will witness what Susan Mears and her test subjects have accomplished.

The month of June is also very special as it marks the one year anniversary in our new home at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel. We plan to host a little celebration with a cash bar and some delicious treats for all members and guests. Please plan to socialize with your fellow photographers as early as 6pm if you can make it and bring a family member or a friend. We'll also announce our second Society dive and "on the day" photo contest of the year focused on macro shooting. You won't want to miss this surprise as there will be limited registration that will be on a first come first serve basis.

As I sign-off and you begin to peruse through the remainder of Dean's fantastic Newsletter I'd like to call your attention to the tireless efforts of two very important Board members—Susan and Jim Mears. Have you ever sat and watched the logistics for how Jim sets up and takes down the audio and visual gadgetry that enables such a great multimedia experience at each meeting? Not to mention, the phenomenal number of hours it takes to maintain and develop new web site functionality and content so our members have great features like the Newsletter or Galleries? These are but a few of the many things I'm thankful to Susan and Jim for that I hope you join me in thanking them personally for their tremendous service to our organization.

See you Tuesday night!

Sam Hodge

President – South Florida Underwater Photography Society

www.sfups.org

May Masters – Highly Decorated



1st Place — Kelly Casey



2nd Place — Susan Mears



3rd Place — Fred Bavendam



4th Place — Fred Bavendam



5th Place — Mike Schmale

May Challengers – Eco Disaster



1st Place — Anne Dupont



2nd Place — Heidi Thoricht



3rd Place — Guillaume Bauch



SFUPS Events and Programs

Angela Smith



Florida has so many amazing natural resources and there is a lot to conserve in our state. There are many people working on saving our fragile ecosystem, but there are also a lot of entities and folks willingly or unwillingly out to destroy what pristine areas and endangered species we have left, so there is always room for more feet on the ground.

As you may know, I am currently working on a number of environmental issues and protections for many different marine species. I am a firm believer that a few people or even one person can make a difference. A good example of this is a brief personal story. My mother, Marsha Smith started a grassroots, advocacy group in Maine called Citizens for a Green Camden. She went to the library one day and noticed pesticide flags all over the lawn, then saw children playing in the same grass. Being moved and upset by this, she came home and started Citizens for a Green Camden. Working with colleagues to approach town and state governments she got the word out about the dangers of pesticides. Then other towns in Maine started creating similar organizations, then towns in New Hampshire and on down the coast. Before you knew it there was a movement. Then one day a filmmaker from a similar anti-pesticide group made a documentary about the dangers of pesticides and asked my mother to be in the film. It was shown at many festivals across the United States. A few months later the phone rings and it's the EPA calling to give her an award called the Environmental Merit Award! Time and time again it's proven that a small number of people or even just one person can make a big difference. People will stand up and notice!

So in the spirit of making a difference and since SFUPS members already have a vested interest in preserving our underwater world, we are planning to introduce some groups and programs so you can get more involved in local conservation.

Here are the areas that we intend to focus on initially:

- Coral Reef Conservation
- Sea Turtle Rescue
- Shark Monitoring
- Seahorse Citizen Science

Stay tuned, we will be providing more detailed information at July's meeting.

Announcements

- A special welcome to our new members this month:



Ana Zangroniz



Ellen Rierson

- New members photo galleries added (Click on the name to go to the gallery):

[Guillaume Bauch](#), [Philip Burghard](#), [Tom Teper](#)

- June Show and Tell-SFUPS new website



- June Hands-on-announcement/overview of July BHB Fluorescence night dive macro photo contests

- June 14 and June 28 – SFUPS/PDC “Our Backyard is a Wreck” 2nd annual photo contest
Members will have two dates to leverage their best video or underwater photography work. Come dive both dates and you’ll have an opportunity to see four of Fort Lauderdale’s best wrecks. [Click here for more details for the event](#)

- Introducing Force-E's Photo/Video Programs!

Force-E now has an in house photo pro, Craig Dietrich. We will be at the stores during the month of June, so come by with any questions or gear needs... Wednesdays from 3-7 pm at Force-E Boca, Thursdays from 3-7 pm at Force-E Pompano . Craig also teaches classes, for more info click here Force-E is also offering Rental Cameras to use in the courses or go out with Craig for a dive... contact info@force-e.com or 954-999-7483



- Force upcoming events: [Click here for more details](#)

June 4: Barotrauma: the do's and don'ts

June 7: Super Saturday Dive

June 12: Demo TUSA and Big Blue Lights at the Force-E Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive

June 17: Common Diver Accidents

June 18: Intro to Freediving

June 28: Dive the Blue Heron Bridge with Aqua Lung

- Force-e BHB Night Dive schedule:

June 12 thur 7:50-9:40;

June 26 thur 7:50-9:40

Aug 9 sat 7-9:10;

Aug 24 sun 7:30-9:30

July 11 fri 7:30-9:30

July 25 fri 7:30-9:30

Sept 8 mon 7:30-9:30;

Sept 22 mon 7-9



Announcements

- Reef Photo & Video has a few upcoming workshops:
 - [Bahamas Shark Adventure June 9-14](#)
 - [Blue Heron Bridge Photo Workshop, June 26 -29, 2014](#)
 - [Underwater Photography & Lightroom June 28 & 29 by Chris Parsons](#)
 - [Blue Heron Bridge Photo Workshop, August 14-17 , 2014](#)
 - [Underwater Photography & Lightroom August 20 & 21](#)
 - [Blue Heron Bridge Photo Workshop, September 25-28, 2014](#)
 - [Tulamben, Bali Underwater Imaging Intensive October 11-18, 2014](#)
 - [Blue Heron Bridge Photo Workshop, December 11-14, 2014](#)
 - [Underwater Photography & Lightroom December 16 - 17](#)
- Jason Spitz and Monica Schandel will be offering underwater photo workshops during the Bugfest-by-the-sea event July 27 through August 2, 2014
- The dates & pricing for Underwater Digital Fiesta 2015 have just been released on the underwaterdigital-fiesta.com web site. This years pricing includes a package of extra days, includes all meals and a 13X19" print of your favorite images.
- Kurt Kohler setup with the Pompano Dive Center a 3 tank dive going to the Tenneco Towers on June 22, 2014 at leaving at 10 AM. Advanced open water certification required. Dive plan is for two dives on the towers and a wreck or reef. Price for SFUPS members is \$80 and guests \$90 and does not include tanks. Call 954-788-0208 to make a reservation.
- Calling all videographers - SFUPS wants you! We seek to support your work in our Member Gallery. Please produce up to four short videos via Vimeo, write a short bio with a photograph and send it in. For all the details go to SFUPS.org



June Featured Photographer Susan Mears



Susan began taking pictures underwater with a Nikonos V and an array of close up framers. She progressed to several housed film SLR's and then on to digital. Susan's current underwater photography system is a Canon 7D, Nauticam Housing, and dual Inon Z240 strobes. Her favorite lenses are the Canon 100mm macro and the Tokina 10-17mm fisheye.

Susan enjoys shooting locally in the waters off South Florida and more exotic locations in the Caribbean and Pacific. Some of the places she has traveled to are the Bahamas, Dominica, St. Vincent, Papua New Guinea, Lembah Straits, Komodo, Fiji, the Philippines and Ambon, Indonesia.

Susan uses Adobe Lightroom to process her digital images and create the galleries you see on the SFUPS web site. To see more of Susan's photography both topside and underwater you can visit her personal website: www.mearsphoto.com

View Susan's new SFUPS gallery on the new SFUPS website [here](#)





June Guest Speaker Elly Wray

“The Business of Underwater Photography
in Today’s Print and Digital Media Age”



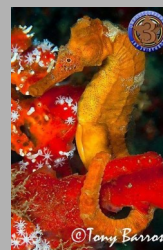
Elly is an underwater photographer and PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor who studied photography at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. She worked in various aspects of the photo industry in Los Angeles before moving to the Cayman Islands where her education in underwater photography began. Elly worked as Photo & Video Pro at Ocean Frontiers in the East End of Grand Cayman where daily diving helped hone her craft. Her education was furthered by assisting with workshops and photo shoots with Alex Mustard, Stephen Frink, and Martin Edge. It wasn’t long before she had her first cover of *Scuba Diving* magazine. She has been profiled in *Sport Diver* for her photographic work in Grand Cayman and has worked extensively in the field as a contributing photographer for numerous dive publications, as well as staff photographer and photo editor for *Scuba Diving* and *The Undersea Journal*. She recently joined the team at Reef Photo & Video and is excited to explore new ways to share what she’s learned from her background in diving, photography, graphic design, post-processing and publishing.

View more of Elly’s work at her website www.ellywray.com/wordpress/



Club Members in the News

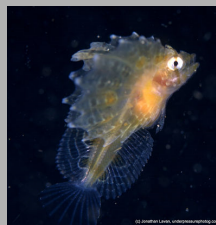
- Tony Barros won third place in Facebook UW photo contest



- Tony Barros had a photo published on the [Ocean Defenders facebook page](#)
- Craig Dietrich's work has been selected by the Atlantic Hotel in Fort Lauderdale to be on display for approximately 6 months beginning June 1st.
- Jonathan_Lavan has a new article at [Blue Water Photo/Underwater Photography Guide](#)
- Jonathan Lavan while in Belize, leading a trip for REEF, got a photo of the very rare Glover's Reef Toadfish. The photo may well be the only picture of the creature in its natural habitat.



- Jonathan Lavan While in Monterey California doing research for REEF, got photos of a larval Sailfin Sculpin



2014 SFUPS Contest Categories

<http://www.sfups.com/MonthlyContests.html>

JUNE MASTERS

Turtles

JUNE CHALLENGERS

Wreck parts - pieces of the wreck or objects within/on, but not the entire wreck
- toilets, sinks, davits etc.

SFUPS On The Scene



Wayne MacWilliams gave an excellent presentation on
"Trip Briefings"
at the May SFUPS meeting

SHOW & TELL:

Announcing the 2nd Annual "Our Backyard is a Wreck" Photo Contest sponsored by Pompano Dive Center and presented by Tony Ernst.



HANDS ON:

Aspect Ratios for printing, presented by Joe Marcellino of Lamnico.



Join SFUPS for the next meeting

June 10 at 6:00 pm

for social hour, drinks & dinner

Meeting will start at 7:20 pm



SFUPS Meeting Location

[Courtyard Marriot Ft Lauderdale North](#)

2440 W. Cypress Creek Road
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33309

954-772-7770



Global Underwater Photography Contest Calendar

[The SFUPS- Pompano Dive Center Second Annual "Our Backyard is a Wreck" Photo Contest](#)

Get ready to be the one to challenge the 2013 winners in the Pompano Dive Center's second annual photo contest – "Our Backyard is a Wreck." As the title indicates, it's all about the best wreck photography the Fort Lauderdale and Pompano shores have to offer. There will be two dive dates scheduled for June 14 and the 28. The plan is for a 3-tank dive for each trip to some coral-encrusted wrecks at a depth ranging around 60-75 feet. The trip on June 14 may start out with a deeper dive but the details will be confirmed shortly. There will again be both macro and wide-angle categories with the top image going to the Wreck Photographer of the Year. Susan Mears took this honor last year and the 2014 title will be up for grabs. Pompano Dive Center will be on-hand to judge the contest and the awards will again be generous. [Click here for more details for the event](#)

[PADI Critter Encounters Photo contest](#)

(Deadline June 9, 2014)

[Photo Club Arizona \(PCA\) International photo exhibition - Adriatic Grand Exhibition 2014](#)

(Deadline early entry-June 16, 2014 final deadline-September 16, 2014)

[2014 Traveler Photo Contest](#)

(Deadline June 30, 2014)

[ND Awards, Neutral Density Photography Awards](#)

(Deadline June 30, 2014)

[SEA 2014 International Photo & Video Contest](#)

(Deadline June 30, 2014)

[Ocean Geographic Society Pictures of the Year](#)

(Deadline July 1, 2014)

[World Shootout](#)

(Occurs January 1 through July 31, 2014)

[Photo contest for Bugfest sponsored by the city of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea](#)

(See contest link for deadline)

[March's Facebook Bluewater Photo contest month's contests](#)

(Monthly)

[Monthly Dive Photo Guide Contest](#)

(Monthly)

[Scuba Symphony Quarterly Contest](#)

(Quarterly)

[GUY HARVEY OUTPOST PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST](#)

(Weekly, Monthly)



Club Travel Exchange

Want like-minded company on your next trip? Send your travel plans to newsletter@sfups.org. The trip details will be published in the newsletter for other members to see. Any members interested in a trip can send an email to newsletter@sfups.org and the groups will be connected.

2014

- Craig Dietrich will be traveling to Grand Cayman as staff photographer for PADI's "Total Submersion" week in June
- Rich Ladisky will be on the trip to Tubbataha Reef in late May. He has extended his trip to include photographing the thresher sharks at Malapascua Island, off Cebu early June.
- Ryan Goheen is going to Cozumel, followed by a 3 night stay on Isla de Mujeres to snorkel with whale sharks, August 2- 10
- Sept 20-27 Jonathan Lavan has a trip planned to the Sea of Cortez. If you are interested please contact him or go to www.rociodelmarliveaboard.com for all the details. If you just wait to sign up please call Brooke in the Rocio office at 602-272-2522 and be sure to mention Jonathan's name!



Classifieds

- One wet close up diopter Nexus CL 100. Approx. 4" in diameter. Has black rubber skirt to fit over lens port. Has been used on Seatool ports, may fit others as well. Tripod Mount Ring for Canon 70-200mm F4 L lens, in original box in new condition, model A II (W), Price \$75. one used Fisheye Fix LED48DX Focus Light in good condition in original box. Uses 8 AA batteries. Intensity of light can be controlled, has switch for SOS signal, a welcome safety feature for night diving. Contact Bernd Meier at mei-erb@bellsouth.net
- Ike slave sensor AD-TTL \$18, Inon Optical D never wet \$85 OBO, Inon Optical D Strobe cable never wet \$45, Inon to Nauticam F.O.cable X 2 never wet \$50 EA, Schneider 6X Platinum \$250 new \$100, Gagne Porta Trace Light box \$25, Nikon 16mm Fisheye 2.8 Excellent \$550, Nikon 55-200 Zoom 5/11 refurb.Excellent \$85, Zeagle Scout BC w/ Air 2 Good cond. \$125 You will need hose Air2 to reg Wayne MacWilliams shutterthethought@comcast.net
- Subal ND 30 Housing for Nikon D300, \$3500. complete overhaul, all parts/O-rings replaced; pressure tested Aug 2013 by Reef Photo, Subal Flat Port FP-75/4 (for 60mm lens) \$200, Subal EXR-40/4 Extension Ring (for 105mm lens) \$100, Subal GS-180 Magnifying Viewfinder (installed) \$950, Subal Zoom Gear for Tokina AF 10-17 FE \$50, Zen Underwater DP-100 100mm Fisheye Dome \$750, Port for Subal type 4, Sea & Sea Nikonos Style Synch Cord 2@ \$90 = \$180, D300 User Manual and Simon Stafford's Magic \$10, Lantern Guide Nikon MH-18a Charger \$25, Nikon Li-on Battery Pack EN-EL3a 2@ \$25=\$50, Compact Flash Cards: \$25: 2@16 GB, 1@ 4 GB, 1@ 2 GB, 1@ 1 GB.
Contact Jacqui Eisenberg at acquarelle@mac.com
- IKELITE DS-160 STROBE. Used - excellent condition (serial #12676, NiMH battery date 11/2011) \$500 - I'll throw in the Ikelite NiMH Quick Charger with all international tips for no charge (part # 4066.1 - \$100 MSRP)
VIDEO LIGHT - IKELITE PRO2800 LED PACKAGE. Includes NiMH Battery Pack, Quick Charger for NiMH battery pack, power cord, and flex arm. I'll also throw in the pouch and cord for using dual batteries for no charge in case you choose to further upgrade it, even though we lost the 2nd battery. Everything is used, but in great condition. MSRP is \$850, so lets do it for \$350.
Call the Gug Underwater Gallery at 954-579-8096 or email Gug@GugUnderwater.com
- ORIGINAL CANON XT REBEL BODY (6.3 MEGAPIXELS), IKELITE HOUSING, CHARGER, TWO BATTERIES, PORT COVER AND CAMERA BODY COVER. ALL IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. \$700. amaurycruz@yahoo.com
- NIKON COOLPIX 5000, IKELITE HOUSING, UNDERWATER WIDE ANGLE CONVERTER, ABOVE WATER WIDE ANGLE CONVERTER, CHARGER, THREE BATTERIES, AND SLIDE COPIER. EXCELLENT CONDITION. \$300 amaurycruz@yahoo.com



Classifieds

- For Sale: Seacam housing body for Nikon D700 D-SLR. This housing has been modified to allow the user significantly better access to the capabilities of the Nikon D-700. These modifications include a triple function control that provides use of both the preview and function buttons on the front of the D700 body and provides a port lock, none of which capabilities normal Seacam housings have. Additionally there is a clutch mechanism which automatically engages or disengages a manual focus gear when you switch the normal M-S-C control between Manual and the two auto-focus modes. I also have non-Seacam handgrips on this housing, attached to the front half of the housing. Included with the housing body is a Nikon D700 camera body with two camera batteries, two battery chargers and other bits. Price for the housing is \$4500.
Also available is a Seacam 45-degree viewfinder which is \$850 if purchased separately, or \$500 if purchased with the housing body.
I also have a wide port (6" glass dome port) and some extension tubes and some lens gears available. Contact Fred Bavendam fbavendam@hotmail.com or a telephone 941-953-7623

Parting Shot by Guillaume Bauch



SFUPS Member Benefits

Yearly dues are \$35 for individuals and \$45 for families. Make checks payable to SFUPS and mail to Linda Ianniello at 359 Cottonwood Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33487 (Don't forget to send a copy of your dive insurance and C-Card) Membership benefits include:

- Access to the industry's most talented insight, experience, and knowledge
- Networking with members with the same interests and opportunities to enjoy underwater photography
- Receive accolades and peer recognition by participating in and potentially placing in Intra-Club contests
- Opportunity to showcase your images in the SFUPS monthly newsletter
- Free Member Gallery on the SFUPS web site - Get seen and publish your work
- Learn from your peers and cut down on the underwater photography learning curve
- Receive insight into global photographic expeditions and exotic locations from member presentations
- Special Club dives specific to underwater photography
- Eligibility for special raffle prizes with your participation at monthly Club events
- Advertise pre-owned gear for sale
- Sponsor benefits w/membership: Force-E - discount for air-fills, Lamnico – discount on custom-designed laminated images, access to 2-tank \$55 discounted dives throughout South Florida

<http://www.sfups.org/MembershipJoinNow.html>